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Not a Ruling, But the Law.

THE Courier, in speaking of the new law in regard to the publication of paid reading notices and the filing of a sworn statement as to owner, publisher, business manager and editor of all publications in last week's issue, stated that it was in accordance with a ruling of the postmaster general.

Not to find fault with the statement, or to criticize its author, but simply as a matter of information, The True Northern desires to state that the regulation of which the Courier speaks is not a "Ruling of the Postmaster General," but it is the law. These provisions together with the provision prohibiting the Sunday distribution of mail are a part of the last appropriation act passed by the last congress, and are law the same as any other act of congress.

The provision referred to may seem arbitrary and an infringement on the rights of publishers. The criticism, however, should not be addressed to the postmaster general. He is simply carrying out the provisions of the law.

Following is the act in full:

That it shall be the duty of the editor, publisher, business manager or owners of every newspaper, magazine, periodical or other publication to file with the postmaster general and the postmaster at the office of which said publication is entered, not later than the first day of April and the first day of October of each year, on blanks furnished by the postoffice department, a sworn statement setting forth the names and postoffice addresses of the editor and managing editor, publisher, business manager and owners, and in addition the stockholders if the publication be owned by a corporation, and also the names of known bondholders, mortgages or other security owners, and also in the case of daily newspapers, there shall be included in such statements the average number of copies of each issue of such publication sold or distributed to paid subscribers during the preceding six months.

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copy of such sworn statement shall be published in the second issue of such newspaper, magazine or other publication printed next after the filing of such statement. Any such publication shall be denied the privilege of the mail, if it shall fail to comply with the provisions of this paragraph within ten days after notice by registered letter of such failure.

That all editorial or other reading matter published in any such newspaper, magazine or periodical for the location of which money or other valuable consideration is paid, printed or promised without so filing the same shall upon conviction in any court having jurisdiction be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, and the publisher, chairman of the board of directors, or any other officer or agent of the postoffice committee, signing the bill said:

"The extremely low postage rate accorded to second class matter gives these publications a circulation and a corresponding influence unequalled in history. It is common belief that many periodicals are secretly owned or controlled and that in reading such papers the public is deceived through ignorance of the interests the publication represents. We believe that, since the general public bears a large portion of the expense of distribution of second class matter and since these publications wield a large influence because of their special concessions in the mails, it is not only equitable, but highly desirable, that the public should know the individuals who own or control them."

The endorsement given Michigan's senior senator, Wm. Alden Smith, in the recent primaries cannot help but be gratifying to the senator and indicates something as to what the general result will be at the election in November. The following endorsement of Governor Osborn, published in the Grand Rapids Herald of recent date, expresses the universal sentiment of the republicans of the state:

"I sincerely hope that United States Senator William Alden Smith will be re-elected. He has substantially earned this consideration by his constituents."

"As has been well said, for years he has been Michigan's minute man at the capital—always loyal and always effectively alive to the interests of his state."

"But more than that, his attitude toward problems of government generally has been honorable and sane."

"I quite agree with the sentiment expressed by Senator Beveridge at a Republican banquet in Bay City last April, when he declared:

"With the concentration and the consciousness of a son serving a mother, has Senator Smith served the interests of his state."

"I can only share the belief with Senator Beveridge when he said:

"The republicans of the entire nation will be made happy if your splendid senior senator is sent back to the senate in which he has served so faithfully and so well."

"For my own part, I consider William Alden honest, energetic, effective, practical, dignified, courageous and everything else that goes to equip a man for highest service as a senator from Michigan."

"He is a republican progressive as I am a republican progressive."

"He has received the unanimous nomination of his party for another term, and I earnestly hope that the result of the primary may correctly prophesy the result of the election."

THE Progressive candidates for congressman and governor ought to get together and compare notes. Mr. Valentine speaking with reference to his democratic competitor, Beebe, asking for votes on the ground that he is a farmer, said that a man's occupation should cut no figure in deciding his fitness for official position.

Mr. Watkins, Bull Moose gubernatorial candidate, placed great stress upon the fact that he was born and raised on a farm and was still following the occupation of a farmer.

These two addresses following each other and spoken to the same listeners showed "what a difference there can be, 'Twixt Tweedledee and Tweedledum."

THE TRUE NORTHERNER intimated a short time ago, that Henry E. Chase, who recently resigned as deputy attorney general after sixteen years of service in that department, might possibly be found in the department again after the state convention. A letter to the writer however, states that such is not the case. Henry says, "I am not a candidate for anything, and have left the de-

partment for good." He is all tired out, he says, and will take a long rest before making any definite plans for the future.

THE Hartford Day Spring last week, stated that their lecture course the coming winter would include "The Rawies," native New Zealanders. These people are no strangers to the people of Paw Paw. They appeared on the Chautauqua platform here one year ago and gave one of the most interesting and instructive entertainments of the week. The True Northern assures the people of Hartford that they will not be disappointed in this strange family and that in "The Rawies" they have a rare treat in store.

EX POSTMASTER MYHAN says that Hon. Amos S. Musselman is too old to be governor of Michigan, that he is in the "sere and yellow leaf," so to speak, but Mr. Musselman is about the age of Mr. Myhan, not quite as old, we believe, and the South Haven man thought himself not too old to represent the 4th district in the halls of congress. The fact is that Mr. Musselman is just in the prime of vigorous manhood, both physically and mentally. Oh! George, why did you say it?

If you are contemplating matrimony don't overlook the valuable list of prizes that will be given away to the lucky couple during the big Paw Paw fair. Make your intentions known at once to M. L. Decker, who is master of ceremonies for the wedding.

There will be some corn show at the fair this year.

## GRAND STATE CONVENTION

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splendid educational and industrial centers through which he passed, there probably was not a man or woman who heard him speak who could not have told him that it was not necessary to organize a new party in Michigan to destroy child labor here for the reason that the republican party of Michigan had years ago wiped it out here root and branch.

### Protection to Workers.

"The republican party believes not only in the protection of our children, but has always insisted that wage earners generally should be the object of solicitude by every wisely administered government. The gratitude of the republican party toward the great army of workmen cannot be better shown than by the passage of a Workmen's Compensation law and the creation of an industrial accident board by our present state legislature. The enactment of legislation of this character typifies the interest which the republican party has always shown in our great army of workmen."

"It would be idle to claim that labor is always treated with that consideration which it merits or that the division of the profits arising from the joint efforts of labor and capital is always proportioned to the contribution of each. But the conditions of employment are steadily improving and are better than in any other country of the world."

"I have never been able to understand why some men seem to enjoy being prophets of gloom and despair when they might be prophets of light and hope merely by stating the plain truth."

"In a nation like ours where great cities have sprung up almost by magic and where conditions of life are constantly changing there are always new situations to meet and new problems to solve. We cannot live upon the achievements of the past. We have great industrial and economic problems to solve growing out of gigantic combinations of capital. We must find some reasonable and just method of controlling the great industrial organizations of the country. If we do not there is danger that the servant may become the master. Some of the great corporations of our day have grown to such proportions that, in wealth and power, they rival the empires of the days gone by."

### The Real Question at Issue.

"So far as this particular campaign is concerned, the one question upon which

the people must pass before proceeding to the consideration of any other is the same old question we have had to decide every four years for half a century and that is, 'Are we ready to turn the government of the country and with it the solution of all those current problems over to the democratic party.'

"If we really desire this end, we are fortunate this year in having two ways to do it instead of the one which has always been open to us heretofore. If we desire to place the democratic party in power, we can do it either by voting directly for the candidates of that party or by so dividing the republican vote as to give the democratic candidates a plurality. The answer is the same whichever is employed."

"At the recent election in Vermont the republican party cast approximately 26,000 votes, the democratic party 20,000 votes and the new party 14,000 votes. The democratic party actually increased its vote over former years."

"It is fair, therefore, to assume that the votes cast for the new party were in the main diverted from the republican party. The republicans still had a plurality of 6,000 over the democrats, however, been as strong as the party recently proved itself to be in Maine, such a division in the republican ranks as occurred in Vermont would have resulted in a democratic victory there."

### To Farmers and Workmen.

"Every republican must look the situation fair in the face. Are the farmers of our state ready to put the democratic party back in power? Are they dissatisfied with the prices they have been receiving for the past 15 years? Are they ready to take the responsibility of so voting as to either directly or indirectly promote democratic success? Are they so opposed to reciprocity with Canada as to be willing to assist in bringing about free trade with the world?"

Are the workmen of this country willing to take the chance of bringing about a condition similar to that which prevailed from 1893 to 1897? Are they willing to give up the policy of protection that has built up here the best market in the world?"

"Danger nearly always lurks behind division. The principles of the republican party ought to be strong enough to bind us all together. It is a great fighting organization of 8,000,000 voters, invincible if we march shoulder to shoulder. Safe and secure, it has led our country up out of the lowlands to a commanding position among the nations of the earth. But there is much yet to be done. As nations go, we are only in the dawn. We have still to climb the rugged sides of the mountain. Occasionally we may slip and fall, but as often as we fall we will rise again. Our party must fairly represent the head, the heart and the conscience of our people and we must not be content until we have planted the flag of our party on the summit of the Mt. McKinley of all that is best and cleanest in government through popular rule."

### The Resolutions.

We, the republicans of Michigan, in convention assembled, reaffirm our faith in the principles that have made republicanism the bulwark of national progress and prosperity for 60 years; and declare our firm belief that the republican party is today the most potent agency for progress and the common good."

The national administration presents a calendar of accomplishments which challenge the admiration of all who give it unprejudiced consideration."

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